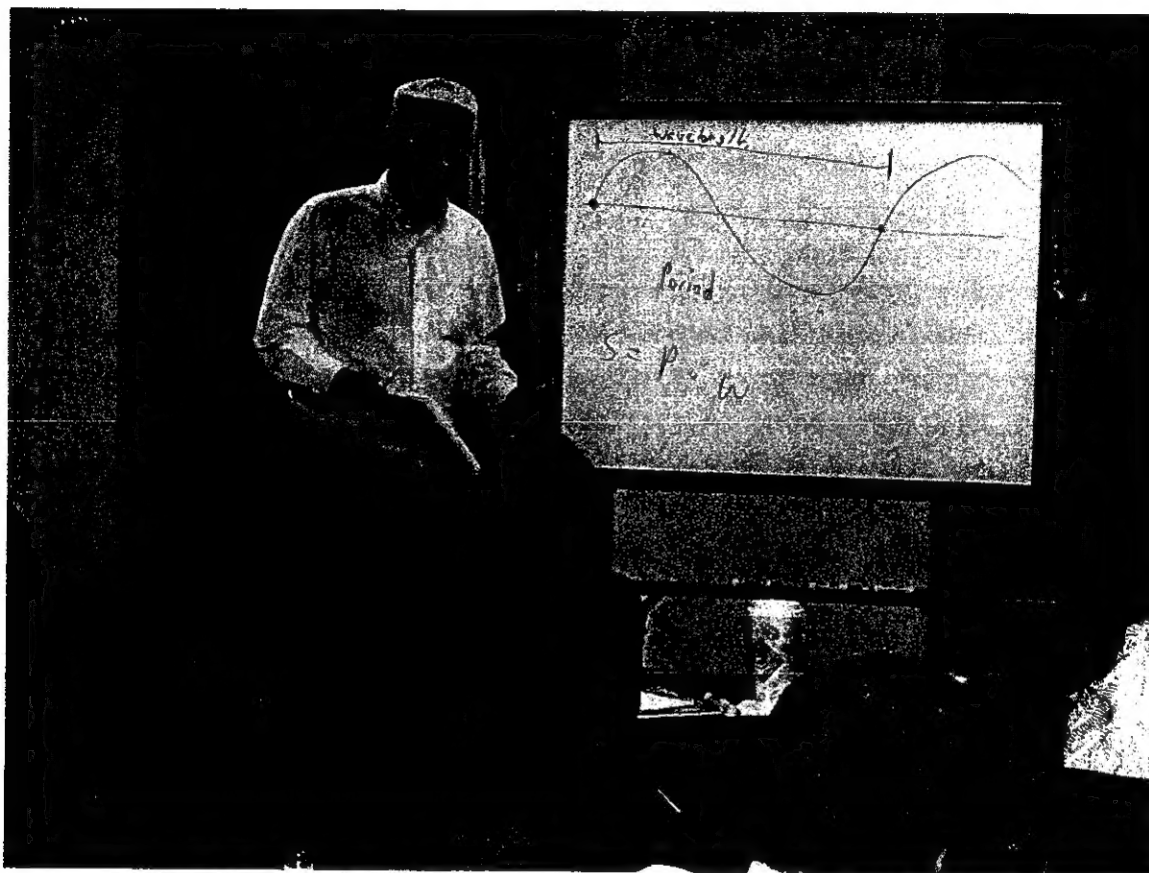


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Professor Ernest Clark, KB9SKI explains wave length theory at the No-Code Tech. class.

NEIL RAPP - WB9VPG TO SPEAK AT MARC MEETING

Our guest speaker for the April 17th meeting is Neil Rapp-WB9VPG. Neil is the 2003 IRCC Technical Excellence winner and has some very interesting comments about getting high school science experiments flown into outer space aboard the space shuttle.

Join us 8 a.m. Saturday April 17th for more space discovery.

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JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING

Spring has sprung and it's time for all Indiana clubs and organizations to consider one of their own as a nominee for the 2004 IRCC Technical Excellence Award. Each year the Indiana Radio Club Council selects one Hoosier ham to receive this prestigious award during the July 10th Indianapolis Hamfest.

Please send a one page description of how this person uses their technical abilities to help their club, community or other amateur radio operators. This award is for the unsung heroes that continue to give of their time, talents and technical expertise to make a difference in amateur radio.

Deadline for entries is Midnight Friday June 12, 2004.

*E-mail your entry to: Jack Parker W8ISH
IRCC Vice-Chairman*

The award will be presented during the July 10th Indianapolis Hamfest.

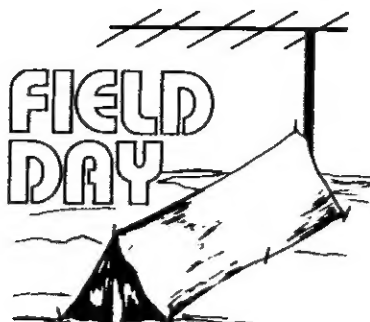
MARC YOUR CALENDAR

- JUNE 12 Strawberry Festival White River Township Fire Dept.
- Ham Radio Demo

- JUNE 26 Greenwood Fire Department Health and Safety Fair
- Ham radio demo

- JUNE 26 & 27 FIELD DAY 2004 Camp Atterbury

- AUGUST 7 Flat Rock Run 7K marathon
- SEPT. 25 Greenwood Marching Band Invitational



FIELD DAY 2004 COMING FAST

Plans for the multi-county 2004 Field Day are beginning to solidify. MARC F. D. chairman JR Osborne-KB9HSE has reserved the south meeting room at the Johnson county Park office in Camp Atterbury. This is the same location, minus the kitchen facilities, we have used over the past several years.

Amateur radio operators from over a dozen central Indiana counties are expected to participate in the Super Field Day. Last year was the first time hams from various counties pooled their collective talent to create an outstanding Field Day event in Hendricks county.

Several spots have been reserved at the adjacent RV camp ground for club members and guest amateur radio operators to park their motor homes. Many are expected to set up antennas and operate from the campground. The two sites are within 1000 feet and qualify as one F.D. location.

Plans for food and special ceremonies are being worked out. JR still needs volunteers to help coordinate the weekend events. Contact him at 565-3922 or at Doublegoofballs@wmconnect.com.

With your help we can make Field Day 2004 one of the best. - w8ish

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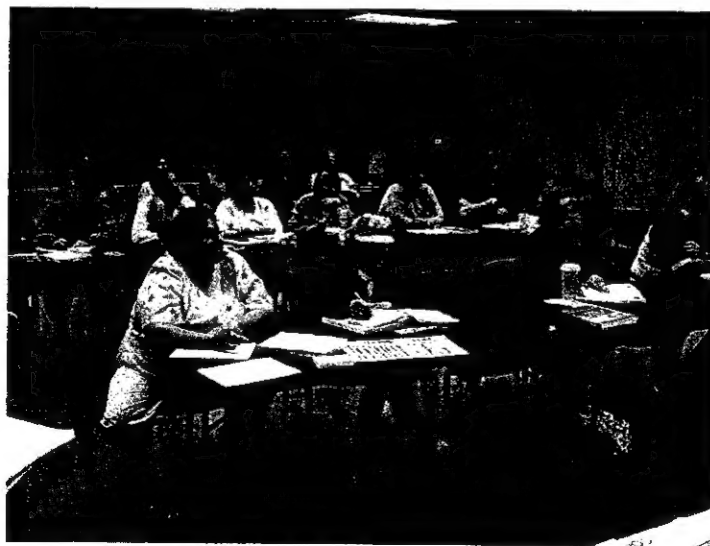
Celebrating our 53rd show, **May 14 - 16, 2004**, Hamvention® is the world's largest amateur radio gathering and trade show.

Do you have your ticket yet?

What's going on in class today?



Everyone is attentive to what Ernest is saying.



All are starting their adventure in Ham Radio.

The No-Code Technician Class is held at the Greenwood Public Library at 7:00 PM on Tuesday. Stop by and meet the students.

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Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets at 0800 EST the third Saturday of each month at the Johnson County Law Enforcement Center in the Emergency Operations Center. All hams are encouraged to attend this meeting and VE testing is held January through November after the meeting has ended.

MARC operates the 146.835 MHz (151.4 PL) repeater and all hams are welcome to use it.

For more information please visit our club web page at: <http://www.midstatehams.org>

